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**Washington,** **Mar 5** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted in favor of a proposal that would ensure that no Troubled Asset Relief



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Program (TARP) funds would be used to bail out lenders or borrowers who acted irresponsibly:

**"The vast majority of Hoosiers have found ways to consistently pay their mortgages on time in spite of these tough economic times-they should not be forced to subsidize the irresponsible, reckless and sometimes criminal actions of a few.**

**"No one wants to turn a blind eye to those who-through no fault of their own-have fallen on hard times, but Hoosiers don't want a handout either. This motion is about fairness and protection for the responsible homeowners in Indiana.**

**"This motion would prohibit the taxes of millions of responsible Hoosiers from going to lenders who failed to comply with proper standards, or borrowers who lied on their mortgage applications. Even in the times of hardship, we should not sacrifice the principle of personal responsibility at the altar of bigger federal government. We should pursue the kind of policies that encourage responsibility and incentivize sound judgment.**

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BACKGROUND:

The Republican motion to recommit (MTR) to H.R. 1106, the 'Helping Families Save Their Homes Act,' would amend the legislation in the following ways

- Prohibits the use of funds from the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) to assist mortgage foreclosure mitigation for a homeowner who obtained their mortgage by misrepresentation, false pretenses, or actual fraud. The MTR would also prohibit the use of TARP funds for any mortgage lender that failed to comply with underwriting standards. These provisions would ensure that taxpayer funds are not used to bailout unscrupulous and irresponsible borrowers and lenders.
- Prohibits the use of TARP funds to make direct payments to lenders or borrowers as an incentive to modify a mortgage. Under H.R. 1106 and the Administration's plan, taxpayer funds would be used to pay lenders and borrowers to modify their contractually agreed upon mortgage terms.
- Prohibits the use of TARP funds for any foreclosure prevention or mitigation activities unless a comprehensive plan for the use of the funds is submitted to Congress. The MTR requires that the plan provide for equitable treatment of all mortgagors.